521 Orchard Road

1865

Victorian/ Italian villa

1985 Townwide Historic and Architectural Survey of Berlin, Connecticut. Survey # 127

1865 current owner: Marie Scholand Victorian/Italian villa

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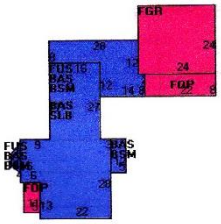
1865 current owner: Stephen Scholand

Sketch



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Town No.:	Site No.:
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QUAD:	
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IDENTIFICATION

1. BUILDING NAME (Common) (Historic)

2. TOWN CITY: Berlin | VILLAGE: | COUNTY: Hartford

3. STREET AND NUMBER (and/or location): 521 Orchard Road 25-2/71/28

4. OWNER(S): Scholand, Marie Clare " " Kensington 06037 ☐ Public ☒ Private

5. USE (Present): Residence (Historic): Residence

6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: EXTERIOR VISIBLE FROM PUBLIC ROAD ☒ Yes ☐ No | INTERIOR ACCESSIBLE ☐ Yes ☒ No | IF YES, EXPLAIN

DESCRIPTION

7. STYLE OF BUILDING: Victorian Vernacular/Italian Villa | DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: c. 1865

8. MATERIALS (Indicate use or location when appropriate)
☒ Clapboard ☐ Asbestos Siding ☐ Brick ☐ Other (Specify)
☐ Wood Shingle ☐ Asphalt Siding ☐ Fieldstone
☐ Board & Batten ☐ Stucco ☐ Cobblestone
☒ Aluminum Siding ☐ Concrete Type: ☐ Cut stone Type:

9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM
☒ Wood frame ☐ Post and beam ☐ balloon
☐ Load bearing masonry ☐ Structural iron or steel
☐ Other (Specify)

10. ROOF (Type)
☐ Gable ☒ Flat ☐ Mansard ☐ Monitor ☐ sawtooth
☐ Gambrel ☐ Shed ☐ Hip ☐ Round ☐ Other (Specify)
(Material)
☐ Wood Shingle ☐ Roll Asphalt ☐ Tin ☐ Slate ☐ Gable end to the street
☒ Asphalt shingle ☐ Built up ☐ Tile ☐ Other (Specify) ☐ Ridge parallel to the street

11. NUMBER OF STORIES: 2 | APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS: 29' x 29' (old portion)

12. CONDITION (Structural) ☐ Excellent ☒ Good ☐ Fair ☐ Deteriorated | (Exterior) ☐ Excellent ☒ Good ☐ Fair ☐ Deteriorated

13. INTEGRITY (Location) ☒ On original site ☐ Moved | WHEN? | (Alterations) ☒ Yes ☐ No | IF YES, EXPLAIN: Siding, additions

14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES
☐ Barn ☐ Shed ☒ Garage ☐ Other landscape features or buildings (Specify)
☐ Carriage house ☐ Shop ☐ Garden

15. SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT
☐ Open land ☐ Wood-land ☒ Residential ☒ Scattered buildings visible from site
☐ Commercial ☐ Indus-trial ☐ Rural ☐ High building density

16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS
Surrounded by mostly recent homes.

PHOTO

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20 SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATION:

DESCRIPTION (Continued)

17 OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING OR SITE (interior and/or exterior)

This house has a three-bay facade. Windows have wide molded surrounds and are fitted with 1-over-1 sash. A wide frieze with side-elevation frieze-band windows is now sided, as are the wide overhanging eaves of the flat roof. The left elevation has a two-story, one-bay rectilinear ell. The front wall of this ell contains an entry protected by a one-story flat-roofed porch. The porch has cruciform posts and pilasters; post brackets form round-arched openings with jagsawn floral designs in their spandrels. The entry retains its original door with border-pane glazing. Above the entry is a round-headed window with stained-glass, border-pane sash. The main wall surface of the left ell is broken by a two-story, bracketed semi-hexagonal bay with a small bracketed cornice between stories. On the right elevation is another rectilinear bay and side entry; the right entry door (continued)

SIGNIFICANCE

18 ARCHITECT	BUILDER

19 HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE

Despite some alteration and large later additions, this house is significant as a good example of Victorian Vernacular architecture. Based on the rectilinear plan of the Italian Villa style, the house contains a good deal of the decorative woodwork which marks Victorian Vernacular houses. Significant examples include the cruciform porch posts, jigsawn porch spandrels, and the bracketed semi-hexagonal bay. These features, along with the border-pane glazing in the left entry and round-headed window, are typical of the last years of the Victorian era. The combination of a rectilinear plan with frieze-band windows are typical of mid-century Italian Villa houses. It is likely that this is a late-Victorian modification of an earlier house, but the siding over the cornice detail makes an exact determination difficult.

Little could be discovered about the early occupants of this house. It stands on land sold in 1890 by Frank E. Coles, a farmer and large landholder, and may well have been built by the Coles family.

SOURCES

Berlin Land Records 44:34 (1890)
1869 Atlas